



# AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Human Resources

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Ms. Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader  
Office of Federal & State Accountability  
South Carolina Department of Education  
1429 Senate Street, Suite 501A  
Columbia, SC 29201

### Re: Regulation 43-205 Waiver Request

Dear Ms. Prevatt:

The School District of Aiken County Public Schools hereby requests the State Board of Education to waive compliance from Regulation 43-205 that states, "Each school must be staffed with a full-time properly certified principal/director whose duties and responsibilities must be prescribed by the district superintendent."

Ridge Spring Monetta Middle School, with grade span 6-8 and enrollment of 213 students, has merged with Ridge Spring Monetta High School, with grade span of 9-12 and enrollment of 237 students, to create Ridge Spring Monetta Middle/High School. Both middle and secondary students are housed on the same campus. Mr. Kyle Blankenship has a Tier I—Elementary and Tier 1—Secondary Principal licensure and will serve as the principal over both middle level and secondary students.

These plans are implemented into our existing district strategic and school renewal plans under SBE Regulation 43-261 for the 2015–16 school year. We, therefore, ask that the waiver apply to the remaining term of our district's strategic and school renewal plans. Thank you in advance for your consideration to this waiver request.

Sincerely,

Dr. A. Sean Alford,  
District Superintendent

ASA/dsb

cc: Karen Byrum, SDE Accreditation Contact